Study of BRTs

1999. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is aware about the various mega cities adopting Bus Rapid Transit System (BRTS) in the heart of city without consulting the local population and local experts in the matter;

(b) whether his Ministry would conduct study on this particular system of Rapid Bus Transport in view of possibility of accidents and obstacle to age, disabled persons and women; and

(c) whether his Ministry is aware about the removal of old tram system in the middle of the road in the cities of Mumbai and Delhi on the basis of change in modern vehicles and modern transport facilities such as Metros?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) Stakeholder consultation is the part of preparation of City Development Plan (CDP) for the projects including Bus Rapid Transit System (BRTS) under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) of this Ministry.

(b) Bus Rapid Transit System (BRTS) is an established mode of public transport successfully running in a number of countries world-wide for the last 30 years. One of the important features of this system is level boarding and alighting to facilitate travel by aged, disabled persons, women, children etc. As such no further study in this particular aspect is contemplated.

(c) Tram is a State subject as defined in the Constitution. As such, this Ministry does not maintain any such data.

Land to hospital

†2000. SHRI AJAY SINGH CHAUTALA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that precious land is provided on concessional rates to the hospitals across the country on the condition that they would provide free treatment to the poor;

(b) the details of the hospitals not complying with this condition, State-wise; and

(c) whether Government has taken/contemplates any action against such hospitals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (c) Land is listed in the State List of Seventh Schedule of Constitution of India and, therefore, allotment of land to hospitals across the country does not fall within the purview of the Central Government. However, so far as National Capital Territory of Delhi is concerned, DDA has reported that it has allotted land to 54 hospitals. Land and Development Office has

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allotted land to 5 hospitals. Allotment conditions in case of some hospitals stipulate provisions of certain percentage of free beds. A Public Interest Litigation titled Social Jurist versus Union of India (WP No. 2866/2002) was filed in the Delhi High Court on the issue of non-implementation of freeship condition by hospitals. DDA has further reported that it has issued show-cause notices to the hospitals falling under its purview on the issue of not providing free-treatment as per the stipulations of allotment letter/lease. Land and Development Office has reported that action has been initiated against defaulting hospitals under the terms of lease agreement which include cancellation of allotment in respect of three hospitals. Hon'ble High Court has directed that Special Referral Centres shall be set up in Government hospitals for referring poor patients to the nearby private hospitals covered under the Writ Petition. Government of NCT of Delhi is required to monitor the adherence to freeship conditions by these hospitals on a regular basis.

Master Plan 2021

†2001. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Supreme Court has issued any guidelines for Master Plan 2021 and drawn attention towards the lack of required infrastructure facilities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken for compliance of guidelines in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (c) No guidelines for Master Plan-2021 have been issued by the Supreme Court. However, the Supreme Court *vide* order dated 12.2.2007 had directed Ld. Amicus Curiae to give suggestions pointing out deficiencies, if any, in the Master Plan 2021 so that remedial measures, if any, can be taken. In response to the issues raised and submissions made by the Ld. Amicus Curiae, a detailed Affidavit was filed by the Government on 07.04.2007. Subsequently, *vide* order dated 10.04.2007, the Supreme Court had directed to indicate the time schedule during which the various infrastructural deficiencies pointed out by Ld. Amicus Curiae are expected to be taken care of. Pursuant to that an Affidavit was filed by the Government on 4.5.2007 giving detailed action plan with respect to various-infrastructure services like public transport, parking, water supply, power, solid waste management, sewerage etc.

Problem of drinking water in Andhra Pradesh

2002. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is implementing any scheme to tackle the problem of drinking water that is presently being implemented in the large and medium sized cities of the country;

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